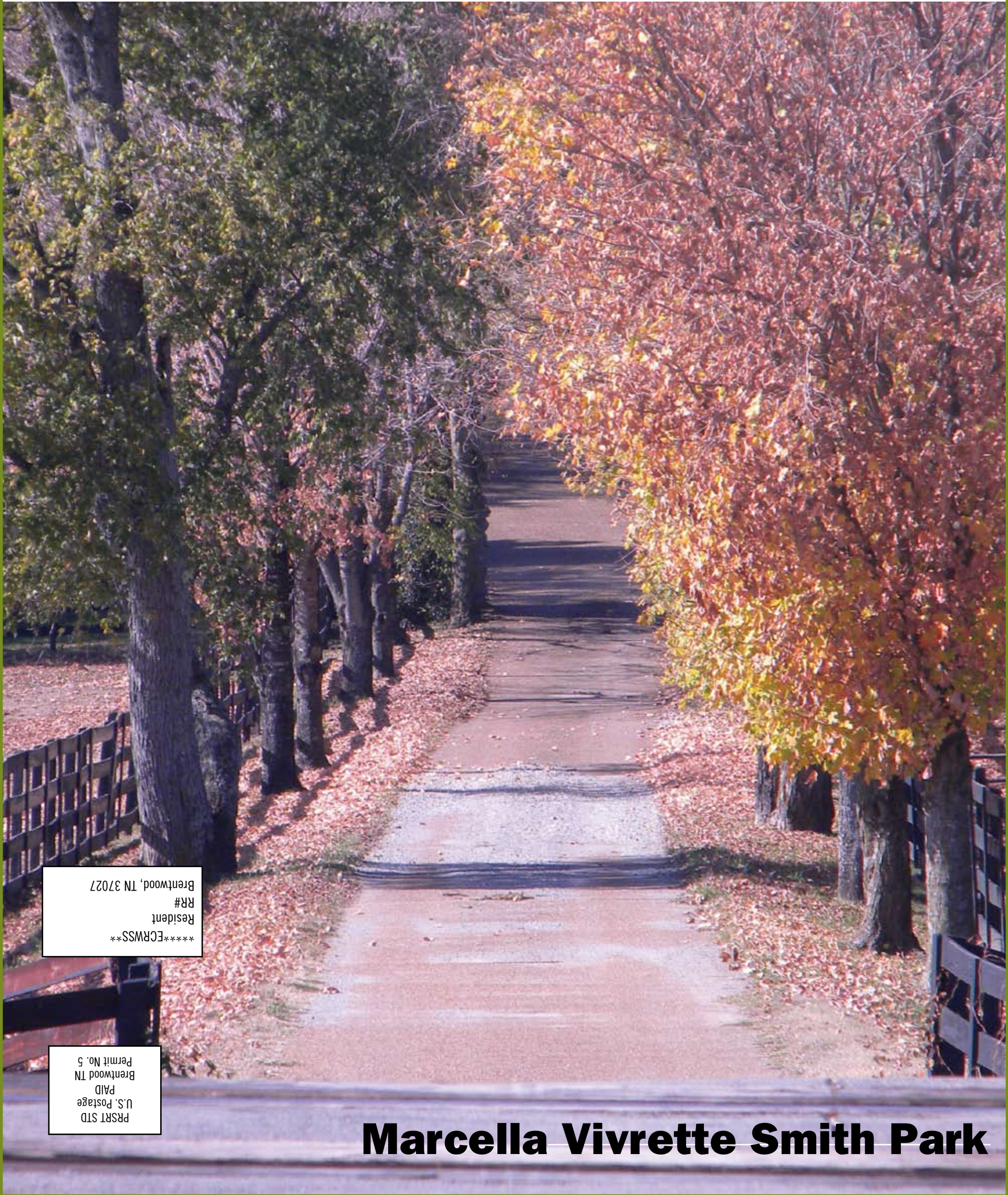


Brentwood, Tennessee

# Citizen's Update

News You Need to Know About Your City

Spring 2011



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**Marcella Vivrette Smith Park**



NEW CONSTRUCTION SPOTLIGHT

Retail

During 2010 the City of Brentwood experienced an increase in the number of new single-family residential building permits to 140 compared to only 68 permits issued during the previous year. While the number is still down from the boom years of 2004-2006 when in excess of 500 permits were issued annually and the historic average of 250-300 permits annually, it is a positive trend. Some of the existing subdivisions that have seen increased building activity include: Annandale, Inglehame Farms Kings Crossing, Sonoma, Taramore, Whetstone and Windstone.

In February 2010, Pulte Homes purchased out of foreclosure the Whetstone Subdivision which at that time had only four homes constructed. Since then construction activity has increased with 19 new homes built or under construction.

Commercial



Overlook Office Building

The Westgate Point office condominium project was completed on the former site of the Saltgrass Steakhouse in Westgate Commons. The building provides 19,500 sq ft of new office space.

The Overlook Office Building, located in Overlook Park of Church Street East, is under final

construction. It is a two-story, 24,368 sq ft office building situated on 1.76 acres.

Construction of a 34,776 sq ft, pre-school addition to the existing Otter Creek Church of Christ located at 409 Franklin Road is underway and will increase the total building space to 111,024 sq ft.

To address high demand for services, the Maryland Farms YMCA received approval of a revised site master plan that includes the erection of an inflatable bubble over five tennis courts to allow for use during the winter season and construction of 63 additional parking spaces.

After major flooding of the Opry Mills Mall in May 2010, the Nike Factory Store relocated to a 16,021 sq ft at the Cool Springs Point shopping center off of Moores Lane West. Kirkland's Home Décor has submitted plans to occupy the remaining 10,681 sq ft of available space at the center.



Otter Creek Church of Christ



Nike Factory Store

Lowest Combined City/County/Special School Property Tax Rates for Largest Tennessee Cities

(Population 25,000 or Greater)

(2010 Effective Rates – Per \$100 Assessed Value)

Ranking	City	County	Effective Tax Rate
(1)	Hendersonville	Sumner	\$2.67
(2)	Morriston	Hamblen	\$2.69
(3)	Brentwood	Williamson	\$2.75
(4)	Laverne	Rutherford	\$2.96
(5)	Smyrna	Rutherford	\$3.22
(6)	Cleveland	Bradley	\$3.28
(7)	Johnson City	Washington	\$3.45
(8)	Franklin	Williamson	\$3.61
(9)	Cookeville	Putnam	\$3.62
(10)	Murfreesboro	Rutherford	\$3.73
(11)	Columbia	Maury	\$3.90
(12)	Kingsport	Sullivan	\$4.07
(13)	Clarksville	Montgomery	\$4.12
(13)	Jackson	Madison	\$4.12
(14)	Nashville	Davidson	\$4.13
(15)	Bristol	Sullivan	\$4.32
(16)	Oak Ridge	Anderson	\$4.65
(17)	Knoxville	Knox	\$4.82
(18)	Chattanooga	Hamilton	\$5.07
(19)	Collierville	Shelby	\$5.24
(20)	Germantown	Shelby	\$5.49
(21)	Bartlett	Shelby	\$5.55
(22)	Memphis	Shelby	\$7.22

\*Note: Effective rates are based on actual rates adjusted by appropriate appraisal ratios as determined from the most recent appraisal date. Rates shown are as established for the 2010 tax year. As reflected in the chart above, the 2010 combined Brentwood and Williamson County effective property tax rate compares favorably with other Municipalities across the state. In the largest Tennessee Cities with Populations 25,000 or greater, Brentwood's effective property tax rate of \$2.75 per \$100 of assessed value (.49/City, \$2.26/County) is the 3RD lowest in the State. The City's FY 2011 property tax rate of \$.49 represents the same effective City tax rate for the twentieth (20th) year in a row.

Sources: 2010 Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury Division of Property Assessments Website, Municipal Technical Advisory Service Website.

BRENTWOOD CHIPPER SERVICE

Spring is always a busy time for our chipper service.

Please help us serve you better: stack brush close to the curb with the cut end toward the curb. No brush should be longer than 12 feet and limbs/stumps greater than six inches in diameter will not be picked up by the City and the homeowner must dispose of these large limbs by some other means.

NOTE - No Commercial trimmings will be accepted - trimmings must be hauled away by the company.

To provide chipper service efficiently, there is an established monthly route schedule. For information, call the Brentwood Service Center at 371-0080.

The City appreciates your cooperation.

WATER & SEWER PROJECTS

**Sewer System Rehabilitation Project** The purpose is to investigate, identify and correct failing sewer infrastructure in order to increase system capacity, reduce system overflows into local streams, and extend the life of the system to serve the community for the next 25 years. This comprehensive program includes inspecting underground pipelines via a video camera and repairing damaged pipelines with trenchless technologies or "slip lining." To date over 25 miles of pipeline has been relined and repaired reducing average daily infiltration of rainwater into the lines by roughly 1.5 million gallons and reducing treatment costs by \$920,000 annually. More importantly, sewer overflows into the environment during heavy rain events have been reduced throughout the City.

**Water System Capacity Improvement** This proactive project provides for water system improvements over several years

that further increase system capacity to better meet peak summer day demands associated with irrigation. The first project included replacement and upsizing of 4,000 feet of water line in the Twin Springs Subdivision which increases flow capacity to refill tanks quicker in the southeast area of the City. Upcoming projects include replacing water lines in the Ewell Drive area and replacing a water booster station on Plymouth Drive.

**Water Meter System Upgrades** The department has initiated a multi-year project to upgrade the current "touch-read" meter system to a more advanced "tower-based" technology. The new system provides for the installation of less labor intensive water meter reading equipment at fixed tower sites to permit remote meter reading. This project includes replacement of the aging water meters at each customer site with "smart" meters during the next five years. When fully implemented, the new technology will also allow customers

to monitor their own water use real time though web access to the consumption information and to set parameters for immediate electronic notification to check for leaks if their consumption levels exceed their normal daily usage.

**Sewer Station Rehabilitation Project** Work was completed this past summer on rehabilitating three of the 10 sewer stations that "pump" sewerage via a force main to a location where it can gravity flow through the main collection system. This multiyear program is being undertaken to reduce maintenance cost by improving the reliability and efficiency of this essential equipment. Two additional stations serving the commercial area located east of I-65/ south of Moores Lane and a section of the Chenoweth subdivision are slated for rehabilitation in 2011.

For more information, please visit the Water/Sewer web page at [www.brentwood-tn.org/water](http://www.brentwood-tn.org/water)

City Briefs

Need Help?

Occasionally you may have a problem with the City and may not be sure who to contact. In that case, please call **Linda Lynch – Community Relations Director at 371-0060 or by e-mail at [lynchl@brentwood-tn.org](mailto:lynchl@brentwood-tn.org)**. She will be glad to find the right person to address your concerns.

Spring Clean Up

When you are spring cleaning, if there are items too large for the regular trash pick-up, you can take them for disposal by the City at the following locations between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Dates

April 16 • Granny White Park

April 23 • Safety Center East, 1300 Sunset Rd.

April 30 • Granny White Park

**Important:** We cannot accept liquids, sprays, paints, batteries, tires or chippings.

Keep Brentwood Beautiful!

Williamson County Recycling Center

Visit the expanded facility located next to Fire Station No. 2  
1301 Wilson Pike • 790-5848

County Household Trash Locations

Will not accept liquids, sprays, paints, batteries or tires; brush will be accepted. Recycling bins are available, too.

OPEN EVERY DAY 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Trinity Convenience Center**  
3004 Wilson Pike • 794-3904

2 miles south of city limits on left

**Nolensville Convenience Center**  
1525 Sunset Road • 776-2717

.5 mile east of Waller Rd. on left

**Grassland Convenience Center**  
1495 Sneed Road • 371-1697

.1 mile west of Hillsboro Rd. on left behind the County Volunteer Fire Department

Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste

(Batteries, paint, oil, anti-freeze, electronics)  
**Franklin Solid Waste Station**  
417 Century Court, Franklin, 790-5848  
Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m.  
and Saturday, May 7 • 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

City Phone Numbers

Municipal Center ..... 371-0060  
Planning/Codes ..... 371-2204  
Water Billing ..... 661-7061  
Water Maintenance ..... 371-0080  
Public Works ..... 371-0080  
Service Center ..... 371-0080  
Police ..... 371-0160  
Fire ..... 371-0170  
Wm. Co. Ambulance ..... 794-2800  
Library ..... 371-0090  
Parks ..... 371-2208  
Emergency ..... 911

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## History Bowl Game Show



**Ravenwood** - Venkata Amarthaluru, Kristina Atalla, Nick Erickson, James Fan, Nathan Fleetwood, Eli Gadd, Casey Huber; **Brentwood** - Emily Grant, Gentry Hannah, Jackie Mei, Kiersten Stanley, Olivia Sterling, Nathan Thomas, Michael Zoorob

### High Schools Square Off In Brentwood Historic Commission's Inaugural History Bowl

The "Battle of the Woods" took to the classroom on February 17 at Brentwood City Hall for the Historic Commission's inaugural History Bowl. The event featured Advance Placement students from Brentwood and Ravenwood High Schools competing for the Sarah Bayrd American History Trophy. The trophy is named after the late Sarah Bayrd, a long-time Advanced Placement history teacher who inspired several generations of Brentwood students to love history.

Retired News Channel 5 anchor Chris Clark moderated the event and Chuck Sherrill, Director of the TN State Library and Archives, was the game show host.

The fast paced event featured four rounds of history questions in a format similar to popular quiz shows such as Jeopardy. A close battle was fought, but when the smoke cleared, Brentwood High School won bragging rights and the trophy until the next Bowl.

The Brentwood Historic Commission hopes to create a greater awareness and love of history in young people by making the 'History Bowl' an exciting and fun event for the schools each year. You can watch the first 'History Bowl' on Cable Channel 19 at 9 a.m. & 7 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays or anytime at the City's website, [www.brentwood-tn.org](http://www.brentwood-tn.org).

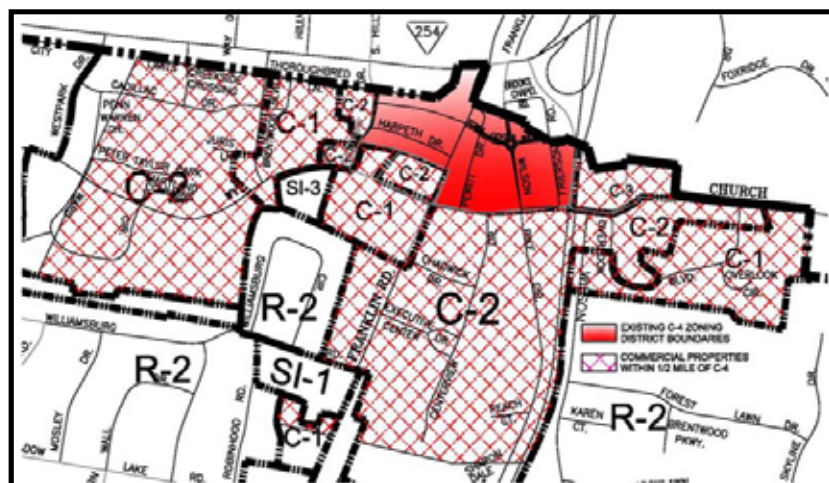
## Revisions to C-4 Town Center Zoning District

In November, 2010, the City Commission adopted revisions to the development standards within the C-4 Town Center zoning district. The zoning district was created in 2004 to facilitate redevelopment of the original commercial area of Brentwood into a more pedestrian oriented, traditional downtown area.

There are several significant changes incorporated into the development requirements. The most significant change allows property owners in the lower elevation areas of the original district to increase the maximum height of buildings from 60 to 90 feet provided the mean sea level of the apparent roofline does not exceed 824 feet. This is 14 feet lower than the height of the Ramparts Building located at the northwest corner of Franklin Rd and Maryland Way.

Another change allows, on a case by case basis, the expansion of the C-4 zoning district to commercially zoned tracts located within ½ mile of the original C-4 District boundaries if it is deemed beneficial to facilitating future redevelopment in the original town center area. The map below shows the area where expansion of the C-4 zoning district may be considered by the City Commission. Other code changes remove limitations of the maximum building floor space allowed per acre subject to meeting strict requirements on parking and maintaining acceptable traffic flow. In addition, the revisions eliminate restrictions on the maximum number of hotel rooms and allow residential units to be located on the ground floor of mixed use buildings under certain restrictions. For more information on the C-4 Town Center zoning district, contact the Planning Department, 371-2204.

### COMMERCIALLY ZONED PROPERTIES WITHIN ½ MILE OF THE ORIGINAL C-4 DISTRICT



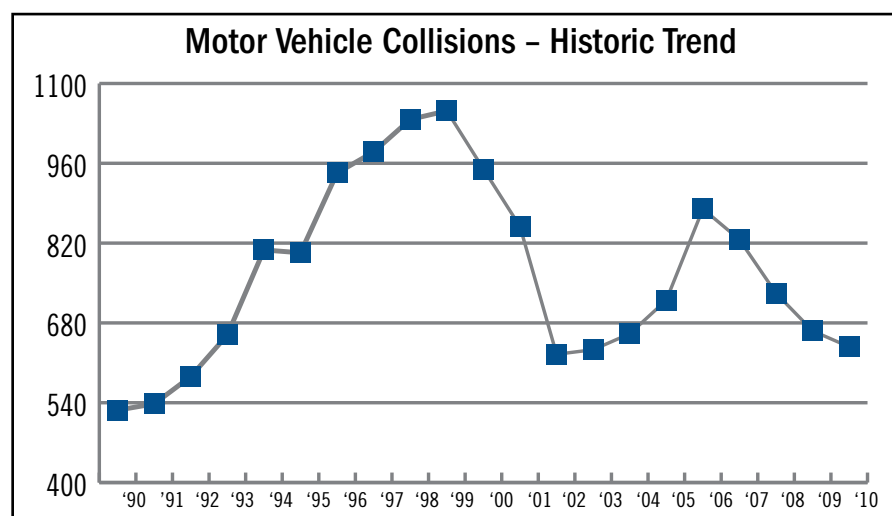
## Traffic Enforcement Targeted for Your Safety

As everyone knows, there has been a dramatic increase in Brentwood traffic (including Interstate 65) since the early 1990's when the Cool Springs Mall opened plus residential and office development that occurred throughout northern Williamson County and southern Davidson County. For most of the 1990's, the number of vehicle collisions also increased dramatically but since the year 2000, there has been a general downward trend in the number. In fact, the number of vehicle collisions was only slightly higher in the year 2010 compared to 1990. How is this possible – many more cars on the roads today but no significant increase in accidents?

There are two primary reasons for the relative improvement in vehicle safety on Brentwood streets. First, the Police Department places a high priority on proactive directed traffic enforcement with the objective of slowing down the speed of drivers. Top collision locations are identified each year and enforcement activities are conducted in these areas. The major contributing factors for accidents in Brentwood continue to be failure to yield, following too closely, weather, and speeding combinations. There is also a growing trend of more collisions due to inattentive drivers. The Police Department encourages residents to call 371-0160 to report traffic safety problems or concerns.

Also contributing to the general reduction in vehicle collisions is the systematic efforts by the City's Public Works Department and, in some cases, the Tennessee Department of Transportation to undertake road improvements to address safety problems associated with substandard arterial roads. Improvements that provide wider driving lanes and paved shoulders enhance driver safety.

Because Brentwood is located in the center of one of the fastest growing areas in Middle Tennessee, we cannot easily control the number of vehicles that use our streets on a daily basis. However, the City can, for the good of all residents, undertake proactive steps that encourage safe driving habits and address road safety issues within the available resources.



## Recognizing Fire Chief Kenny Lane

After 25 years of dedicated service with the Brentwood Fire & Rescue Department, Fire Chief Kenny Lane will retire effective June 30, 2011. Chief Lane started working for the City's Fire Department when it was created in 1986. He began his career as a Fire Captain, rising to the position of Fire Marshal in 1990 and promoted to Fire Chief in 1993.

Chief Lane was instrumental in the department's creation and continued improvement including the expansion from one to four fire stations, enhancements to the first responder medical services, purchase of state of the art fire equipment, implementation of an annual fire safety inspection program, and formulation of automatic and mutual aid response agreements with Franklin, Williamson County and Metro Nashville.

The Brentwood Fire Department is recognized across the State of Tennessee for the quality and cost effective delivery of fire and rescue services. Chief Lane – we thank you for all of your efforts and wish you the very best in retirement.



## New Fire & Rescue Multi-purpose Rescue Engine

The Brentwood Fire & Rescue Department recently took delivery of a new Rescue Engine. This multi-purpose vehicle is state of the art and fully equipped to handle a variety of emergency incidents including fires, vehicle extrication, technical rescue, and medical calls. The new vehicle cost \$520,000 and will replace a 14 year-old traditional engine pumper unit with over 110,000 miles. Payment was made through the accumulation of funds that are systematically set aside annually in the Equipment Replacement Fund for future replacement of expensive equipment.





# Marcella Vivrette SMITH Park

*Brentwood is a very desirable place to live. Attractive parks are an essential component and help maintain and improve property values for all. With the eventual build-out of the community, the purchase of land now while it is still affordable and available makes sense. It will be too late 10-20 years from now to find affordable land of this quality and size for preservation as public open space.*



Ravenswood was built in 1825 by James Hazard Wilson II. It was named for Sam Houston whom the Indians affectionately called “the Raven.” Houston was best man at the wedding ceremony of Wilson and his bride Emeline in 1821.

The City of Brentwood recently purchased 320 acres known as Ravenswood Farm for \$10 million. The parcel is located on the west side of Wilson Pike, south of Split Log Road. With this purchase, the City intends to create over the next five years a unique park that will complement the existing park system.

The acquisition of this land in December 2010 allowed the City to meet many of its goals including the #1 priority of residents in the Brentwood 2020 Plan - open space preservation. This one purchase alone allowed the City to significantly increase the amount of quality, permanent open space in the community in a cost effective manner. The amount of City owned park land/open space increased by 50% from 542 acres to 862 acres.

The new Smith Park is twice as big as Crockett Park and is largely forested with wildlife habitat. It already has nine miles of existing trails within a wide range of terrain that will add a new dimension to the City’s comprehensive park system. The site also has sufficient level land for additional multipurpose athletic fields to meet the demand from youth sports and to create a brush recycling environmental center to process brush material collected at homes for reuse as mulch on trails. Besides being environmental friendly, this center will also allow the Public Works Department to save the taxpayer’s money by eliminating the long trips in hauling the collected material to the Williamson County landfill in southwest Williamson County. Finally, the property possesses one of the most structurally sound and historically significant pre-Civil War mansion in Middle Tennessee which will be permanently preserved and reused for the benefit of the public.

The park will be directly accessible from an arterial road and the City’s bikeway network. It is situated in the location that will make it possible for residents to travel from the Brentwood Library to the new property via the City’s existing bikeway network.

Brentwood is extremely grateful to Steve, Reece and Mark Smith and family, the owners of Ravenswood Farm, for their willingness to sell a substantial portion of the farm, historic







home and other improvements at an attractive price. As part of the sales agreement, the park will be named “Marcella Vivrette Smith Park” in honor of their late mother.

In addition to the 320 acres, the City also has an option to buy by December 31, 2013 an additional 78 acres located in the northwest corner of the farm for \$3 million. Exercising this purchase option to increase the park size to almost 400 acres will be subject to raising the additional funds targeted from outside sources – grants from other governments, foundations, private sources, in-kind services, etc.

*How was Brentwood able to pay for this \$10 million investment, the largest in the City’s history?* The frugality of the City over the years, living within its means and not spending money just because it is was available in good economic times, is paying big dividends today. \$5 million was paid immediately from the City’s reserves and the remaining \$5 million is targeted for payment through the issuance of bonds in the fall of 2011. The AAA rated bonds can be issued at attractive interest rates with no increase in the City’s annual debt service payments due to the retirement of existing debt. The City will maintain a strong financial position and no property tax increase will be required to fund the parkland purchase or future improvements which are expected to cost in the range of \$5 million.

At this time the new park is not available for public use due to limited, safe access into the property. Before any improvements are carried out and public access is made available to the land, the City will be undertaking a master planning process this summer to determine the proper location and placement of future improvements on the land. Public input into the planning process will be an essential component. While the master plan and available funding will guide the schedule for improvements, it is expected that one of the first projects will be the construction of a new access road with a bridge over the railroad tracks.

**Mark your calendar. The targeted date for the opening of Marcella Vivrette Smith Park for public use is Spring 2013.**



**COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE COMMUNITY:**

**When the proposed purchase of the property was announced in November 2010, the City received many comments from citizens. Most comments were similar in tone to the following:**

*“The community commends the City Commission and staff for having the foresight to create this lasting legacy for the citizens of Brentwood to enjoy for generations to come. This beautiful land will be the crown jewel of our park system.”*

# Parks Update

Brentwood Parks offer something for everyone. Spring is the time to ‘escape the inside’ and enjoy the City owned park land and greenways. The city encourages you to take full advantage of the active and passive recreational opportunities available in your “community backyard.”

## New Dog Park at Tower Park

Brentwood’s first dog park is now under construction and will be available for public use in May 2011. The dog park is located at Tower Park, north of Concord Road in an area adjacent to WSM Radio Tower and the I-65 north entrance ramp. The park will provide a dedicated area for dogs and their owners to meet and have fun. It is divided into two separate areas, the large dog section will be 1.5 acres and the small dog area will be .65 acre. The dog park is within the existing walk/bikeway path of Tower Park and includes perimeter fencing, paths, benches, trees, and water for humans and dogs. It will even have fire hydrants installed!

Information on all parks, greenways and trails is available on [www.brentwood-tn.org/parks](http://www.brentwood-tn.org/parks) or 371-2208.

ATHLETIC CONTACT NUMBERS:	
<b>Civitan Baseball/Softball</b>	
Patty Jarnigan	376-9155
<b>Civitan Hotline</b>	937-3800
<b>Brentwood Baseball</b>	
Rick Ketschke	243-2417
<b>ILC Baseball (Travel)</b>	
Ken Allen	887-0574
<b>BWSC</b>	
Hans Hobson	1-865-719-2472
<b>YMCA Soccer</b>	
Jeff Gillies	373-9622
<b>Brentwood Blaze (Football)</b>	
Jerome Perkins	901-674-8175
<b>Hotline</b>	<b>373-7823</b>
<b>Williamson County Parks</b>	370-3471
<b>Softball (Adult)</b>	
Chris Gravelee	ext 14
Mike Devine	ext 17
<b>Tennis</b>	
Mike Martin	ext 16
<b>Athletics</b>	
Gordon Hampton	ext 19

# THINK YOU SAW A COYOTE?

You probably did! After first migrating here 25 years ago, coyotes have become part of the natural environment in Brentwood and Middle Tennessee and are visible more and more to residents. They weigh between 20–35 pounds and have large ears that point up and bushy black tipped tails. Coyotes easily roam a distance of 5 miles in a day. They are a master of adaptation and survive well in a suburban environment with lots of wooded open space.

Coyotes are comfortable and amazingly discreet living in close proximity to people. They are very intelligent which makes them difficult to trap and remove. They are active day and night and eat a wide variety of food including rodents, fruit, insects,



fish and small animals. They are rarely aggressive to people.

Pet safety: 1) keep your dog or cat nearby and under control; 2) never let dogs interact with a coyote.

**NEVER FEED COYOTES!!!** Do not leave pet food outdoors!

Report aggressive coyotes to Williamson County Animal Control, 790.5590.

# Police Department Offers In-House Defensive Driving School

Most cases heard in the Brentwood Municipal Court involve traffic violations. As a part of the disposition of the case, individuals with a history of traffic violations may be required to attend a four hour defensive driving school certified by the National Safety Council (NSC). In addition, many first time offenders with a history of safe driving may be allowed to take the driving school and upon successful completion, the violation will be dismissed by the Court. In the past, the only available driving class was provided by an outside organization in Franklin or could be taken by adults through an on-line program sponsored by the NSC.

Beginning in January 2011, certified Brentwood Police Officers are now providing the Defensive Driving School (DDS) on the third Saturday of each month from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The class is held at Brentwood’s Safety Center East located on Sunset Road across from the Governors Club. The DDS is a four hour classroom program with an emphasis addressing the attitudes and behaviors of drivers and prevention of crashes.

A motorist convicted of a moving traffic violation accumulates points on their driving record which after a certain number of violations within a certain period may result in the revocation of their driver’s license and higher insurance premiums. State law provides provisions for motorists with a generally safe driving record to attend an approved DDS to avoid these points. Upon completion of an approved DDS, the violation is dismissed.

Eligible drivers who are unable to attend the classroom program due to scheduling conflicts still have the option of completing the intensive on-line NSC program which also takes about four hours to complete. The on-line program can be taken over several days to complete too.

For more information on the Defensive Driving School programs, please go to the Police Department website at [www.brentwoodpolice.org](http://www.brentwoodpolice.org) and click on Municipal Court.



## BRENTWOOD LIBRARY

The Brentwood Library continues to offer exciting and fun programs for the warmer months ahead.

**The Annual Easter Egg Hunt** on Thursday, April 21, between the Brentwood Library and Lipscomb Elementary School, will be divided into four age categories. Bring your camera, the Easter Bunny will arrive at 3:30 for photographs. There will also be a jelly bean guess and face painters. Bring a basket to collect your eggs, the hunt will begin promptly at 4:15.

**Summer Reading Program** registration begins Thursday, May 26, with "One World, Many Stories" as the theme for children; "You Are Here" as the theme for Teens.



**Adults join in the fun with** "The Amazing Race to Novel Destinations." Join us in a race around the world through the reading of books. Upon registration you will receive a passport and your first clue. Prepare for detours, road blocks and pit stops! The first competitor to complete the race wins the grand prize.

**The Adult programs** continue to offer excellent classes and seminars all year long! Each month brings opportunities for computer classes, health seminars, law talk, art classes, photography, cooking classes... all made available because of the wonderful partnerships with local businesses. With all the changes in technology watch for future classes on a variety of eReaders, smart phones, and popular social media websites. We can't forget the books! Join us for monthly books discussion opportunities, or check out one of our Book Club in a Bag kits complete with ten books and a readers guide for clubs that meet outside the library.

**Keep up with all the amazing programs** and events by visiting the library website at [www.brentwood-tn.org/library](http://www.brentwood-tn.org/library). You may also wish to subscribe to our monthly email newsletter and be among the first to receive monthly class information, and the ability to register for classes directly in the email. Subscribe by calling Robyn Zandi, Program Coordinator at 371-0090 ext. 851 or email [zandir@brentwood-tn.org](mailto:zandir@brentwood-tn.org). Robyn would also like to hear from individuals and businesses who would like to share their knowledge and skills as a future program at the library.

## Transportation Improvements Update

**CONCORD ROAD EAST PROJECT-PHASE I** The work on Phase I from Edmondson Pike to Sunset Rd. was substantially completed in late 2010. There are a few minor finishing tasks that should be finished in the early spring of 2011.



Above: Concord Road Phase I  
Below: Split Log Road

**CONCORD RD EAST PROJECT-PHASE II** Phase II of the Concord Rd. improvements will extend from Sunset Rd. to Nolensville Rd. Most of the Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition has been completed and the final design plans are expected to be approved by the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) by summer 2011. Construction funding is to be provided by the state. If funding is approved in the new state budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, construction could start as early as the spring 2012. This project will also extend the separate 10' wide bikeway trail from Sunset Rd to Nolensville Rd.



**SPLIT LOG ROAD-PHASE II** Work began on this project in June 2010 to improve the substandard two-lane roadway to a new three-lane roadway from Ragsdale Rd. to past Pleasant Hill Rd. The improvement will include a separate 10' wide bikeway/pedestrian path along the south side of the improved roadway section to connect to the existing path from Wilson Pike to Ragsdale Rd. The project is well underway and should be completed by late summer 2011.

**CONCORD ROAD BIKEWAY EXTENSION** This new bikeway section will extend the newly constructed 10 foot wide trail along Concord Rd. from Sunset Rd. to Edmondson Pike further west to Green Hill Blvd. At this point, users will be able to travel on the designated lanes along Green Hill Blvd. to reach the existing path along Raintree Parkway which leads to the City's primary bikeway network along the Little Harpeth River. The project will be completed by early summer 2011.

## NO CITY PROPERTY RATE INCREASE IN 20 YEARS!

The City of Brentwood property tax rate for calendar year 2010 is \$.49 per \$100 assessed value. There has been no increase in the effective tax rate for 20 years!

## CITY OF BRENTWOOD INFORMATION

### ON THE WEB

- **[www.brentwood-tn.org](http://www.brentwood-tn.org)** for City & Planning Commission agendas and video of recent meetings via web-cast and other city information;
- **[www.explorebrentwood.com](http://www.explorebrentwood.com)** – "Shop in Brentwood", businesses and community information
- **Facebook, Twitter and/or Nixle** – keep up with important information from the city; to join us go to [www.brentwood-tn.org](http://www.brentwood-tn.org) for more information



### CABLE CHANNEL 19

- **City & Planning Commission Meetings – Rebroadcast**  
~ 1st, 2nd & 4th weeks each month  
~ Tuesday & Thursday 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.
- **Continuous City Information** – Meetings, dates, times, places, phone numbers, etc.
- **Historic Interviews**, 7 p.m., Mon., Wed., Fri.
- **Historic Brentwood Video**, 8 p.m., Mon., Wed., Fri.



### COMMUNITY GUIDE 2009-2011

'Everything you ever wanted to know about Brentwood!' available at Brentwood City Hall, Library and on the city's website, [www.brentwood-tn.org/communityguide](http://www.brentwood-tn.org/communityguide).

## Preservation of Open Space

Brentwood continues to place a great deal of emphasis on the preservation of natural features including historical and wooded tracts, flood hazard and steep hillside areas. One tool used to achieve this objective is the Open Space Residential Development (OSRD) zoning district. These standards are designed to encourage preservation of open space along arterial streets and on other highly visible tracts. Additional recreational opportunities are provided by incorporating open space for use by all residents into subdivision design.

Due in part to OSRD standards, the City estimates that the total area of dedicated private open space is 2,585.6 acres or 4.04 square miles. In addition, the City controls an extensive network of public parks and greenways as permanent open space. The total acres of city owned parkland is 861.6 acres or 1.35 square miles. The total

combined area of all open space within the City limits, dedicated to permanent preservation is 3,427 acres or 5.39 square miles. This represents approximately 13% of the total land within the City.

Below is the public parkland and greenways controlled by the City of Brentwood.

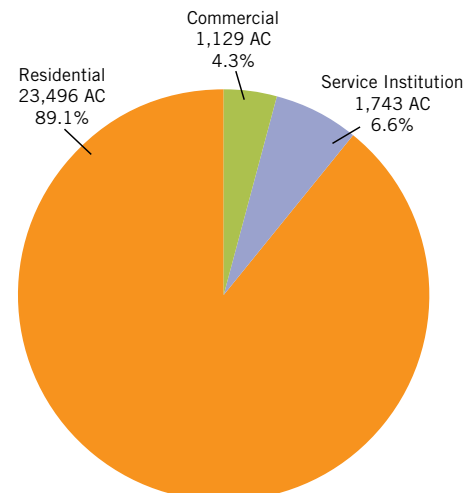
City Parks/Greenways	Acres
Concord Park	40.0
Crockett & Owen Cemeteries	1.6
Crockett Park	164.0
Deerwood Arboretum	27.0
Granny White Park	32.0
Marcella Vivrette Smith Park	320.0
Maryland Farms Greenway	20.6
Maryland Way Park	7.0
Montclair Greenway	11.4
Moores Lane Greenway	3.2
Flagpole – Mallory Lane	23.7
Owl Creek Park	21.0
Virginia Way – PLC Parkland	24.0
Primm Park	31.0
River Park	46.0
Tower Park	47.0
Westgate Commons Greenway	16.3
Wilson Pike Greenway	9.6
Pleasant Hill Park (Sonoma)	16.2
<b>TOTAL AREA (AC)</b>	<b>861.6</b>
<b>TOTAL AREA (SQ. MI)</b>	<b>1.35</b>
<b>TOTAL PERCENT OF CITY</b>	<b>3.26%</b>



## CITY OF BRENTWOOD – LAND DISTRIBUTION February 2011

Total Area of City – 26,368 or 41.2 Square Miles

The City of Brentwood is primarily a residential community with 89% of the land zoned for residential development. About 6.6% is zoned for service institution uses (religious, schools, parks, etc). While less than 5% is zoned for commercial use, this land use generates almost 60% of the total taxes collected by the City's General Fund.





# Unsung Heroes



## Brentwood Water & Sewer Employees

The employees in the Water and Sewer Department are truly the City's unsung heroes! Because they do such a good job, we sometimes forget how important they are in the daily lives of our water and sewer service customers. Many just assume that the delivery of safe drinking water at the faucet and collection and proper disposal of sewage from homes happens automatically, no matter what time of day or the weather conditions. In fact, these services are technically complex to deliver and sometimes breakdown and need repairs. Sometimes it takes a major event affecting people to really understand how important the water and sewer employees are to our modern way of life. Effective service delivery requires a dedicated, competent staff to successfully carry out this critical public service.

Below are some examples of comments that were received recently from citizens and follow up responses from staff about the work of our water and sewer team:

### A Special Thank You from a Citizen

The following is an excerpt from a resident's letter pertaining to a sewer line back up that was affecting his home.

*"I wanted to call your (City Manager) attention to a positive experience my family recently had with the city's Water and Sewer Department."*

The letter went on to state: *"I could point to any number of things the department did well. ... Yet, the thing that stood out most was the team's attitude. From the backhoe operator to the guys in the trench, every person we spoke with expressed interest in seeing the department deliver great service. These guys weren't putting in time; they were working to make a good impression. My brother commented, 'I've never seen anything like it in all the places I've lived.'"*

*None of this happens by accident, I'm convinced. ... And I'm proud of all these people my city has put on its team."*

### Responding to a Major Water Line Break on a Cold January Night


On the evening of January 11 around 5:00 p.m., there was a major water main break in the middle of Franklin Road approximately 1/2 mile south of Concord Road. The repair required excavation of Franklin Road during the evening rush hour. Water repair crews responded and repaired the water main while battling frigid temperatures. Crews were able to make the necessary repairs and restore service to area customers with minimal service outages.

As Assistant City Manager Kirk Bednar stated: *"These guys do not get much recognition for the work they do but it is nights like tonight that prove how valuable they really are. As we were all home and warm, they were out there in the cold. Two of the guys, Billy Starkey and Thomas Burns, were lucky enough to draw the assignment of getting down in the hole and struggling for an extended period of time to get the clamp installed with water spraying all over them in sub-freezing weather."* Crews also remained onsite during the night repairing the road so that it would be ready for our residents morning commute.

Thank you - Water and Sewer employees. We really do appreciate your dedicated service to the Brentwood community!

## BRENTWOOD IS BUSINESS FRIENDLY!

Of the 50 most populous cities in the State of Tennessee, the City of Brentwood was recently ranked the third most 'business friendly' city by the Tennessee Center for Policy Research. The rating reflects a commitment to encouraging business success and fostering an entrepreneurial spirit. The three main categories in the rankings were economic vitality, business tax burden and community allure. Each category was comprised of a number of factors including property and sales tax rates, job and population growth, median per capita income, cost of living, crime rates, high school graduations rates, and ACT scores.




*The City of Brentwood*

*cordially invites you to a reception honoring*

*Commissioner Brian Joe Sweeney (1972-2011)*

*Commissioner Joe Reagan (1993-2011)*




*Monday, April 25, 2011*

*5:00 - 7:00 p.m.*

*Brentwood Municipal Center*

*5211 Maryland Way*



*The City would like to invite the Brentwood community to the retirement reception honoring Commissioner Brian Joe Sweeney (1972-2011) and Commissioner Joe Reagan (1993-2011). Thank you, Commissioners Sweeney and Reagan for 56 years of dedicated service to the City of Brentwood!*



## ARBOR DAY

**The City of Brentwood Tree Committee will hold its annual Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, April 9, 2011 from 10 a.m.-noon at the Brentwood Library.** The traditional new tree planted annually at the celebration will be dedicated in memory of the 330-380 year old bur oak tree that was in front of the Library. This tree was a beloved part of Brentwood history but fell last summer. The City worked diligently to protect and preserve this majestic old tree, but time and nature finally took its toll.

The Arbor Day tree to be planted at the site is a 5-foot tall seedling grown from an acorn of the historic oak donated by Steve & Sheree Foster. Arbor Day will include displays, food, children's activities and guided tours of the certified Arboretum that surrounds the Library. There will also be an exhibition in the Library of special carvings and creations made by local residents from the wood of the historic tree. Over 4,000 seedlings will be distributed to local schools and to attendees of the event.

The City will also receive the Tree City, USA Award at the event. This will be Brentwood's 22 year in a row to receive this national award which recognizes the City's long standing commitment to tree planting and conservation.

## Library Director Susan Earl

In May 2010, Susan Earl became the Library Director for the City of Brentwood. Susan has over 25 years of extensive library experience in North Carolina, Ohio, Georgia and Tennessee and most recently served as the Main Library Administrator at the Nashville Public Library. Susan has lived in Nashville for over seven years, presently residing in Green Hills. When Susan is not working in Brentwood, she is involved in professional and civic organizations. Currently, she is serving as President of the Tennessee Library Association.



## MALLORY PARK, PHASE II

In 2010 three rezoning ordinances related to a development plan for Mallory Park, Phase II, located at the northern end of Mallory Lane, west of Interstate 65 and east of the CSX Railroad were approved. The property is commonly referred to as the Flagpole or Tennsco property.

The rezoning affects approximately 77.4 acres of land. The first ordinance changed the zoning on 33.5 acres of land to Commercial Service – Warehouse with a Special Restrictions overlay. The second ordinance changed the zoning on 23.7 acres to Service Institution – Cultural, Recreational and Governmental. This area has been dedicated as a future City park.

The third ordinance changed the zoning of 20.2 acres to Service Institution – Cultural, Recreational and Governmental with a Special Restrictions overlay. The 20.2 acres will be a permanent buffer, screening the project from the adjacent residential properties in Willowick and Brentwood South. A permanent buffer strip will also be maintained along Interstate 65.

These rezoning ordinances will insure the orderly development of the property, establishing the necessary screening of the commercial area and providing the citizens of Brentwood with additional recreational opportunities.



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The City Commission is the legislative and policy-making body of the City. It currently consists of seven members elected at-large for four-year, staggered terms. The next election for four members is scheduled for May 3, 2011.

The Mayor and Vice Mayor are City Commissioners appointed by their fellow board members after each election to serve for two-year terms.

Unless otherwise rescheduled, the City Commission meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Center, 5211 Maryland Way.

## Christmas Homecoming for Injured Marine

The Brentwood community showed its commitment to our servicemen by its efforts to permit an injured United States Marine to come home and visit family during Christmas. On October 21, 2010, Marine Ben Maenza was injured in Afghanistan by an improvised explosive device and lost both of his legs above the knees. Ben was recovering at Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington D.C. and wanted to 'come home for Christmas' but accessing and staying in the Maenza home with its lack of handicapped assessable features posed a significant challenge for him and the family.



When Brentwood Police Chief Ricky Watson heard about the young marine's wish, he immediately organized a fast track effort to retrofit the Maenza home. Local businesses and individuals volunteered and stepped forward to donate materials and labor for the project. The response of the community was immediate and amazing.

In a matter of days volunteers undertook an "extreme home makeover" to transformed the multi-level house into a handicapped assessable home with an elevator lift, allowing Ben to move freely throughout the house. The volunteers also constructed a wheelchair ramp, wider doorways, an accessible bathroom, and redesigned the living quarters to be comfortable for the young Brentwood High alumnus.

While the construction project was underway, cash donations from the community started pouring in. Within a few weeks, \$45,000 in donations was received to help pay for labor and materials not funded through donations. Because most improvements were covered through donations, the balance of the fund was given to the Maenza family to help with future expenses associated with Ben's long term recovery including travel to and from Washington.

On December 17, Ben arrived 'home for Christmas' to newly improved home thanks to the generous efforts of Chief Watson and the Brentwood Police Department, local businesses, individual volunteers, and financial contributors from the community.

Marine Ben Maenza has since returned to Walter Reed Medical Center to continue his rehabilitation from injuries. We thank him for his service to our country and wish him the very best in his recovery.

### Thank You, Brentwood!

The following is a small excerpt from the letter U.S. Marine and Brentwood resident Ben Maenza:

Dear Brentwood,

*"Enough words cannot be said to express how truly grateful I am for all of the members of this community, and the support they have given to my family and me during this period of time in our lives ...*

*The love, prayers, and support everyone has given me in regards to my homecoming and the transformation of my home is the most remarkable and unforgettable set of kind gestures that I have ever received. I especially want to thank the police chief, Rick Watson, for orchestrating this whole operation and for the dedication to making my return home as easy as possible for me. There is nothing I feel that I could do to ever show this town and all involved how thankful I am.*

*This has been one of the most beautiful things to ever take place in my life and is truly a miracle ... This will be most definitely a merry Christmas and would have never been possible without you all."*

Sincerely,

Benjamin James

★ **VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!** ★

**Brentwood City Commission Election**

**May 3, 2011 Election 7 a.m.-7 p.m.**

\*\*\* EARLY VOTING \*\*\*

**April 15-28**

**(Voting closed on Friday, April 22)**

**7 a.m.-6 p.m. Weekdays**

**8 a.m.-Noon Saturdays**

**Brentwood Library, 8109 Concord Road**

**Brentwood Municipal Center, 5211 Maryland Way**

**Williamson County Administrative Complex**

**West Main Street, Franklin**

**For additional information 790-5711**

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### 2011 CONCERT SERIES

*Eddy Arnold Amphitheater*  
*Crockett Park - 7 p.m.*



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#### FAMILY ORIENTED AND FREE ADMISSION

<b>JUNE 5</b>	<b>Little Texas</b>
<b>JUNE 12</b>	<b>Nashville Symphony Orchestra</b>
<b>JUNE 19</b>	<b>The Devonshires</b>
<b>JUNE 26</b>	<b>The WannaBeatles</b>
<b>JULY 4</b>	<b>Fireworks Celebration- Featuring The Kadillacs</b>
<b>JULY 10</b>	<b>Who's Bad: Michael Jackson Tribute Band</b>
<b>JULY 17</b>	<b>7 Bridges: The Ultimate Eagles Experience</b>

#### JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

**CROCKETT PARK - 7 p.m.**

*"Limited Parking" - You can park at the library or River Park and use bikeway;  
Residents from nearby subdivisions, please walk or ride bikes.*

## Financial Awards

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has again recognized the City of Brentwood for excellence in financial reporting. The Finance Department received the Certificate of Achievement for the latest Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the 24th year in a row and the Distinguish Budget Presentation Award for the 18th consecutive year. The Finance Department, under the leadership of Carson Swinford, places the highest priority on producing accurate, timely, high quality financial documents that are understandable by the public and essential to maintaining the City's high credit rating. Copies of the reports are available for your review at our website [www.brentwood-tn.org/finance](http://www.brentwood-tn.org/finance). Hard copies are also available for review at the Finance Department in the Municipal Center and at the Brentwood Library.